

connectivity for all individuals, and support community improvements embody the mission of the Long Branch Free Public Library. He has also recognized the value of libraries, and the Long Branch Free Public Library in particular, supporting the New Jersey State Library's IMLS Leadership Grant and nominating the Long Branch Free Public Library twice for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

A Long Branch native currently residing in Neptune, New Jersey, Veronica Buffalo-Stubbs is an active member of both communities and recognizes the importance of civic engagement. Ms. Buffalo-Stubbs is the founder and CEO of A.S.T.E.P. (After School Tutorial Educational Program), a tutoring, enrichment and mentoring program for local students and volunteers her time with the Second Baptist Church of Long Branch, the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts of New Jersey, and the Long Branch Elks Lodge No. 742, among others. She is also a 30-year employee of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and has previously worked as a youth counselor for the Monmouth County Juvenile Detention Center, substitute teacher and a certified nurse's assistant/home health aide.

Throughout her library career, Peggy Cadigan demonstrated a remarkable commitment to her profession and the community. Recently retired from the New Jersey State Library after nearly 20 years as Deputy State Librarian for Innovation, Ms. Cadigan previously served as a Reference Librarian and a Junior Library Assistant at the Ocean County Library. Her knowledge and experience were well-regarded in the field. She gave valuable presentations throughout the United States and to remote audiences abroad and served as a consultant for the libraries of Dubai. Her vision, encouragement and support has helped other libraries improve their programs and adapt to societal changes and advancing technologies. Additionally, Ms. Cadigan expanded the Fresh Start re-entry program launched by the Long Branch Free Public Library.

In her positions with the Long Branch Police Department, Sergeant Kimberly Leavy has been engaged in community programs. During her time as a Detective, she was focused on matters involving juveniles and currently serves in the Urban Enterprise Unit as a Community Police Officer in the Patrol Division. Through her role as a Community Police Officer and her work with National Night Out and the Citizens' Police Academy, Sgt. Leavy continues to enhance the relationship between the community and the police force. She has served as a Liaison Officer for many community organizations and has collaborated with the Long Branch School District and the Long Branch Free Public Library, promoting mutual programs and participating in educational presentations.

Monmouth Medical Center continues to provide outstanding health care services to the greater Long Branch community and has been a valuable partner of the Long Branch Free Public Library. Working with Monmouth Medical Center, in particular Eric Carney, CEO and President, Jean McKinney, Regional Director of Community Health, Social Impact and Community Investment, and Sylvia Jacobs, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, the Long Branch Free Public Library has expanded their programs and improved their community outreach.

Public libraries are an integral part of our communities, and it is my honor to join with the Long Branch Free Public Library in recognizing the contributions of Senator CORY BOOKER, Veronica Buffalo-Stubbs, Peggy Cadigan, Sergeant Kimberly Leavy and Monmouth Medical Center.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RHONDA FERGUSON

**HON. DAVID P. JOYCE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life and memory of Rhonda Ferguson, and express my deepest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

A Northeast Ohio native, Rhonda was an incredibly accomplished woman. She was the first in her family to graduate college, graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in Industrial Engineering. She then earned her Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University. It came as no surprise to those who knew her that Rhonda went on to have an extremely successful, storied career.

In 2019, Black Enterprise magazine named Rhonda one of the most powerful Black women in corporate America. The following year, she was hired as the Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Secretary of the Allstate Corporation. Her colleagues warmly refer to her as a visionary force and a passionate friend, coach and mentor whose leadership helped ignite Allstate's transformation and create societal impact.

However, Rhonda's legacy as a well-respected mentor and trailblazer in the workplace would be incomplete without her unwavering commitment to her family. Rhonda cared deeply for her husband, Clayton, and their two children, Kristen and Clayton. I have no doubt that her memory will live on through all of them.

Kelly and I offer our prayers and condolences to Rhonda's husband, their children, and her parents, as well as her extended family and friends as they navigate their tragic loss during this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life and memory of Rhonda Ferguson.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE RECOVER ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Reducing the Effects of the Cyberattack on OPM Victims Emergency Response Act of 2022, or the RECOVER Act, which would require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to make permanent the free identity protection coverage that Congress required OPM to provide for 10 years to individuals whose Social Security Numbers were potentially compromised during the OPM data

breaches. In 2015, OPM reported that the personally identifiable information of as many as 25.7 million current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors was stolen in two data breaches. I appreciate that Representative C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER is co-leading on this bill.

After OPM announced that it would offer identity protection coverage of limited duration and value, Senator BEN CARDIN and I introduced the RECOVER Act in July 2015, which would have provided affected individuals lifetime protection and at least \$5 million in identity theft insurance. Congress subsequently passed a version of our bill as part of an appropriations bill, but limited the duration of the protection. Under current law, OPM is only required to provide identity protection coverage through fiscal year 2026. Under the bill I am introducing today, OPM would be required to provide coverage for the remainder of the lives of affected individuals.

The current coverage is inadequate, particularly considering that there is no limit to when the stolen data may be exploited. Therefore, there should be no limit on the duration of the coverage provided to affected individuals. This bill would give current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors who were affected both some peace of mind and protection. OPM failed to protect these people. It follows that the government must make up for its mistake.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. RALPH WHITE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO)

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, as the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I would like to recognize an outstanding public servant, Mr. Ralph White, who has dedicated his career to providing bidders for government contracts with an expeditious means to seek accountability, and to maintaining a high rate of effectiveness in the bid protest process. Mr. White will retire on May 29, 2022, after a distinguished, 39-year career in public service, including serving 33 years at the Government Accountability Office (GAO), where he is currently a Managing Associate General Counsel for the Procurement Law division.

As a Senate staffer during the beginning of his career, Mr. White was instrumental in the drafting of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, which established the authority for GAO's bid protest function, under which hundreds of bid protests are filed each year. Mr. White joined GAO in 1989 as a writing attorney/hearing officer in the Procurement Law division and was promoted in 2010 to lead a team of attorneys as an Assistant General Counsel. Since becoming a Managing Associate General Counsel, responsible for GAO's bid protest decision-making authority, Mr. White has successfully led GAO's Procurement Law division to resolve numerous large